

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the application.

Claim 1 (currently amended) An interlabial pad comprising:

a first sheet forming a surface side sheet configured contacting a body, the first sheet having a permeable property for liquid;

a second sheet independent from the first sheet and forming a back face side sheet configured to be positioned away from the body, the second sheet including a plurality of sheet pieces, each partially overlapping another sheet piece over a range of 5 to 15 mm;

an absorbent body for absorbing liquid, the absorbent body being disposed between the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet;

a junction joining the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet at a peripheral edge of the absorbent body, the absorbent body being enclosed thereby between the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet;

at least one seam part of the second sheet formed by overlapping the plurality of sheet pieces over one another, the seam part including:

a longitudinal seam part extending in a longitudinal direction over an entire length of the interlabial pad, crossing over the second sheet from an edge to another edge of the second sheet, and

an adhesive agent applied between the sheet pieces at the longitudinal seam part along a longitudinal central line along the longitudinal direction,

wherein one of the plurality of sheet pieces ~~the sheet piece~~, which overlaps another one of the plurality of sheet pieces ~~the other sheet piece~~ at the longitudinal seam part and which covers a side of the other sheet piece that is closest ~~[[closer]]~~ to the longitudinal central line of the interlabial pad, is positioned at the absorbent body side of the second sheet, and wherein the sheet pieces are each formed of either a water disintegrable material or a biodegradable material to enable separation of the second sheet along the longitudinal seam part and the along the junction joining the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet so that the second sheet may be dispersed into the plurality of sheet pieces when discarded by flushing.

Claims 2-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;

wherein the seam part further includes lateral seam part extending in a lateral direction and crossing over the longitudinal seam part of the interlabial pad; and

a sheet piece, which overlaps another sheet piece at the lateral seam part and covers a side that becomes a dorsal side when the interlabial pad is fitted between labia, is positioned at the absorbent body side.

Claims 7, 8 (canceled): .

Claim 9 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;

wherein the back face side sheet is made uneven at least at the surface opposite to the absorbent body side.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A packaging body for individually packaging an interlabial pad, comprising:

a packaging sheet; and

an interlabial pad according to claim 1;

wherein the interlabial pad is covered by the packaging sheet; and

wherein the packaging sheet is provided with a continuous or discontinuous parting zone that is parted by actions of water, along which the packaging sheet is separated into a plurality of small sheet pieces after the packaging sheet is discarded in a toilet.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The packaging body for individually packaging an interlabial pad according to Claim 10;

wherein the packaging sheet is a liquid impermeable sheet with an impermeable property against liquid.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;
wherein at least one parting zone is formed with the seam part formed by overlapping the plurality of sheet pieces over one another.

Claims 13-19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;
wherein the back face side sheet is made uneven at least at the surface opposite to the
absorbent body side.

Claims 21, 22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1, further
comprising a folded portion at which another sheet piece is folded,
wherein the sheet piece and the other sheet piece is attached when the interlabial pad is
folded in two during use, the other sheet piece being folded inwardly, the end of the sheet piece
overlapping the other sheet piece at the folded portion.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,
wherein the back face side sheet has at least one of four sheet pieces or nine sheet pieces two
sheet pieces including the sheet piece and the other sheet.

Claim 25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,
wherein the adhesive agent is applied in the range of 1 to 20g/M².

Claim 27 (previously presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, further comprising:

a mini-sheet piece formed of either a water disintegrable material or a biodegradable material, the mini-sheet piece adhering to the second sheet at the junction of the first sheet and the second sheet and covering a portion of the second sheet to form a pocket between the mini-sheet piece and the second sheet, wherein a finger of a user may be inserted into the pocket for either applying the interlabial pad to be worn by the user or removing the interlabial pad from the user to be discarded.